

This rule is confusing and difficult to implement for my small nonprofit organization. I am frustrated that we are wasting time on it and will probably lose our capability to communicate with people who need our help.

We use the fax machine to communicate with nonprofits and government programs on a monthly basis. Most of that communication is simply us asking them what they need. They don't pay for this service - we are simply trying to supply them with volunteer. But because we work with as many as 400 different programs, obtaining written permission is burdensome.

On occasion, we will use the fax machine to publicize a training or other event for which we do charge. I could not tell from what I have read whether or not there is a difference between faxing programs to ask them what they need from my agency, and faxing them to tell them about a training for which they would be charged.

What frustrates me is the amount of time my (very small) staff and I will spend on this. It is taking away from our ability to do good work for the community and I can't imagine anyone minds our faxes. (If someone did, we would be happy to take them off the list).

Please consider relaxing this regulation for small charities and/or clarifying if we can continue faxes for non-commercial purposes.

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